



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

A school family

built on love, strengthened by faith & enriched by joy

Friday 6th October, 2023



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

PTFA

Please remember that you are all welcome to join us for our next PTFA meeting, which will take place on at **6:30pm on Thursday 12th October at The Farmer's Arms**. Our PTFA do a wonderful job for our school, so please come along and support us in any way you can.

Parents' Evenings

I hope that the parents who spoke with their child's teachers on Wednesday had a productive discussion about how well the children are settling in to their new year groups and new routines. We look forward to seeing the rest of you, via Zoom, on **Tuesday 10th October**.

School Photographer

On **Monday 16th October**, our school photographer, Adam Crowther, will be taking pictures of individual children and sibling groups. Younger siblings are welcome to come into school at **9:00am** to have their photographs taken with their older brothers or sisters. Information regarding the purchasing of these pictures will be sent home shortly.

Staff Car Park

Please remember that we **do not allow parents to park on the staff car park** at drop off and pick up times. This is for no other reason than the safety of our children. **Please pass on this information to any relatives who may drop off or pick up your child**. However, anyone who holds a valid Blue Badge and requires a parking space should contact the school office in order to request a special dispensation of this rule. **Please can I also ask drivers to refrain from using the entrance to the school drive as a turning point during drop off and pick up times**. The number of children using the drive means that any manoeuvres around this point could potentially put our children at risk. Thank you.

Pantomime: Jack & The Beanstalk

We are looking forward to being able to see a live performance of the pantomime, Jack & The Beanstalk in Southport this December.

Oh no, we aren't! Oh yes, we are!

Details of this visit have already been sent home. Please pay via ParentPay before **Wednesday 11th October**. Thank you.

What has happened in school this week...?

CLASS 1 - This week in Class 1 our focus has been 'The Incy Wincy Spider'. We had a delivery of spiders for Drawing Club and practised using tweezers to pick them out of water through a sticky spider's web! We loved making spiders out of play dough too and we even got to make spider Rice Krispie cakes in our cooking this week! As part of Mental Wellbeing Day, we really enjoyed our stretching, relaxing and breathing class with Laura. We then went foraging for materials to make different emotion collages and we loved talking about different emotions in our topic work!

CLASS 2 - At the start of the week, Mrs Turner's old, precious cuddly toy, from when she was a baby, got lost. The children were very concerned, but found Lamby in the safe place Mrs Turner had been keeping him all along. We came up with lots of who, what, why, where, when and how questions about Lamby. We were then introduced to our new author and illustrator of interest Shirley Hughes. We listened to her beautiful story about a cuddly dog called Bobo who got lost and ended up at school. In Maths, Y1 have been finding one less and one more and Y2 have been flexibly partitioning 2 digit numbers using part whole diagrams. We have then been writing the matching number sentences and developing our understanding of addition. In History, we have been thinking about the problems Florence Nightingale faced at Scutari and how she solved each one. We have thought about the courage she used and how she always persevered until she got a job done. In RE, we were journalists writing for the Gospel Times and we wrote a short newspaper report about Jesus healing blind Bartimaeus.

CLASS 3 - Class 3 have worked super hard in all subjects. We began our second-class novel this week, called 'The Iron Woman' which the class voted to read after enjoying 'How to Train your Viking'. In English, they have continued to build on the knowledge of vocabulary that is used in mythical stories and are becoming more familiar with the detailed language used to improve storytelling. Y4 have been testing out their problem and reasoning skills by taking on the Math's Challenge Wall with real enthusiasm. They have begun looking at number lines to 10,000, and the Y3s have been building on their number knowledge by partitioning numbers to up 1000. We held our own class Shabbat celebration combining RE and our DT topic of Food. The children took part in preparing the Challah bread loaves required for the celebration, and we concluded with blessings that the children had written which were inspired by the traditions and rituals of Shabbat.

CLASS 4 - It's been a busy week in Class 4. On Tuesday, we enjoyed some calm, reflective exercises as part of our Wellbeing Day. In PE, we have been loving our netball matches. This week we focussed on strong passes and communication. We saw some great shooting too! In Maths, Year 6 have continued working on factors and common multiples, with the introduction of prime numbers and factors. Year 5 have been looking at mental addition and subtraction strategies, as well as some column addition using numbers with more than four digits. In English, we have been looking at descriptive writing. We loved using clips from David Attenborough's TV series to collect species-specific vocabulary and learning how to use this in context of a fantasy crime narrative. Another fabulous week. Well done Class 4!

Class 2's Worship

On **Friday 20th October**, the pupils in Class 2 will be leading their own worship all about the courage and perseverance demonstrated by Florence Nightingale. Parents, grandparents and friends are warmly invited to join us for, what I'm certain will be, a truly wonderful worship. Doors will open at **2:45pm** for a **3:00pm** start. Please note that there will not be a Celebration Worship that day.

PTFA's Celebrate The Season Party

Our World famous Celebrate The Season Party will take place on **Thursday 19th October**, between 5:30pm and 7:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at a price of £5 for one child, or £10 for 2 or more children in the same family. This price includes a hot dog, a drink, a cake, spooky crafts, games and a disco. **Please put all money and ticket requests in a labelled envelope and send through to class for our PTFA to process or transfer the money directly to the PTFA bank account, ensuring that you make clear on the reference what the money is for.**

Remember that there will also be a prize for the best costume and our pumpkin carving competition! **Make sure all pumpkins are brought to school on the Thursday morning ready for the judges.** I'd like to say a big **THANK YOU** to our PTFA for organising this great event.

Confirmation

Young people, by the age of 10 or 11, have a sense of owning the faith they have been brought up in. Confirmation is a celebration and reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism. It involves some preparation, and a special service where they are 'confirmed' by the Bishop.

Rev Stef has already received some requests from our school community for Confirmation classes, and we think school would be a good place to hold these. Initially, there will be two sessions after school on the 8th and 15th November. Everyone is welcome, including parents, to come along. Contact Rev Stef if you are interested - vicar@stjamesthegreat.net

Wellbeing Day

On Tuesday, we were visited by Laura, a relaxation and resilience expert, who worked with every class in school. The children, and staff, explored various relaxation techniques and looked at how a positive mindset can help everyone to overcome challenges.



School Dinner Orders

You can book lunches up to **3rd November 2023**. We suggest you make your bookings by Tuesday for the following week. Cut off is Wednesday evening, but just in case you cannot access the site, it's good to book early. Most parents find it easier to book several weeks at once. Lunches for the week we return from half term holiday need to be booked before **Wednesday 18th October**.

Any problems, please do not hesitate to contact the office on

bsar@heskinpembertons.lancs.sch.uk Thank you.

Important Dates:

10.10.23: Parents' Evening.

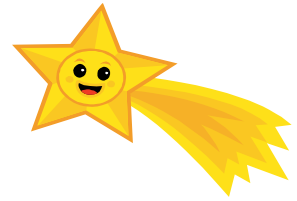
12.10.23: PTFA Meeting. 6:30pm. Farmer's Arms.

16.10.23: School Photographer. Individual & Family Photographs.

18.10.23: Football & Maths Day.

20.10.23: Class 2's Worship.

20.10.23: School Closes for Half term.



STARS OF THE Week!

Congratulations to this week's SUPERSTARS!

R: Amelie M

Y1: Evie R

Y2: Ameerah S

Y3: Jessica B

Y4: Xanthe B

Y5: Lilia McE

Y6: Joshua A

Well done to all of our stars.

Joke of the Week:

Our joke of the week this week comes from **Xanthe** in **Class 3**.

XANTHE: *What is a pirate's favourite letter?*

Mr B: *The letter R (AAARRRRRR)!!*

XANTHE: *No, their first love be the C (Sea)!!!*

Well done, Xanthe! I really like pirate jokes because they aaaarrrr great!

If you've got a funny joke that you think would make me giggle then please pass it on for next week's newsletter!

Hope you have a great week.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher